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LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL RESIDENCY AMENDMENTS
2017 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH
Chief Sponsor: Lee B. Perry
Senate Sponsor: Wayne A. Harper
LONG TITLE
General Description:
This bill modifies provisions related to residency requirements for elected municipal
officers.
Highlighted Provisions:
This bill:
<ul> <li>addresses the circumstances under which an elected municipal office is</li> </ul>
automatically vacant; and
<ul><li>makes technical and conforming changes.</li></ul>
Money Appropriated in this Bill:
None
Other Special Clauses:
None
<b>Utah Code Sections Affected:</b>
AMENDS:
10-3-301, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 38
Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
Section 1. Section 10-3-301 is amended to read:
10-3-301. Notice Eligibility and residency requirements for elected municipal
office Mayor and recorder limitations.
(1) As used in this section:

29	(a) "Absent" means that an elected municipal officer fails to perform official duties,
30	including the officer's failure to attend each regularly scheduled meeting that the officer is
31	required to attend.
32	(b) "Principal place of residence" means the same as that term is defined in Section
33	<u>20A-2-105.</u>
34	(c) "Secondary residence" means a place where an individual resides other than the
35	individual's principal place of residence.
36	[(1)] (2) (a) On or before February 1 in a year in which there is a municipal general
37	election, the municipal clerk shall publish a notice that identifies:
38	(i) the municipal offices to be voted on in the municipal general election; and
39	(ii) the dates for filing a declaration of candidacy for the offices identified under
40	Subsection $[(1)]$ $(2)$ (a)(i).
41	(b) The municipal clerk shall publish the notice described in Subsection $[(1)]$ $(2)$ (a):
42	(i) on the Utah Public Notice Website established by Section 63F-1-701; and
43	(ii) in at least one of the following ways:
44	(A) at the principal office of the municipality;
45	(B) in a newspaper of general circulation within the municipality at least once a week
46	for two successive weeks in accordance with Section 45-1-101;
47	(C) in a newsletter produced by the municipality;
48	(D) on a website operated by the municipality; or
49	(E) with a utility enterprise fund customer's bill.
50	[(2)] (3) (a) A person filing a declaration of candidacy for a municipal office shall meet
51	the requirements of Section 20A-9-203.
52	(b) (i) Except as provided in Subsection $[(2)]$ $(3)$ (b)(ii), the city recorder or town clerk
53	of each municipality shall maintain office hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the dates described in
54	Subsections $20A-9-203[(2)](3)(a)(i)$ and $(b)(i)$ unless the date occurs on a:
55	(A) Saturday or Sunday; or

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56	(B) state holiday as listed in Section 63G-1-301.
57	(ii) If on a regular basis a city recorder or town clerk maintains an office schedule that
58	is less than 40 hours per week, the city recorder or town clerk may comply with Subsection
59	$[\frac{(2)}{3}]$ (3)(b)(i) without maintaining office hours by:
60	(A) posting the recorder's or clerk's contact information, including a phone number and
61	email address, on the recorder's or clerk's office door, the main door to the municipal offices,
62	and, if available, on the municipal website; and
63	(B) being available at that contact information from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the dates
64	described in Subsection $[(2)]$ $(3)$ (b)(i).
65	[(3)] (4) Any person elected to municipal office shall be a registered voter in the
66	municipality in which the person was elected.
67	[(4)] (5) (a) Each elected officer of a municipality shall maintain [residency within the
68	boundaries of] a principal place of residence within the municipality during the officer's term
69	of office.
70	[(b) If an elected officer of a municipality]
71	(b) Except as provided in Subsection (6), an elected municipal office is automatically
72	vacant if the officer elected to the municipal office, during the officer's term of office:
73	(i) establishes a principal place of residence [as provided in Section 20A-2-105]
74	outside the municipality [during the officer's term of office, the office is automatically vacant.];
75	(ii) resides at a secondary residence outside the municipality for a continuous period of
76	more than 60 days while still maintaining a principal place of residence within the
77	municipality;
78	[(5) If an elected municipal officer]
79	(iii) is absent from the municipality [any time during the officer's term of office for a
80	continuous period of more than 60 days without the consent of the municipal legislative body,
81	the municipal office is automatically vacant.] for a continuous period of more than 60 days; or
82	(iv) fails to respond to a request, within 30 days after the day on which the elected

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83	officer receives the request, from the county clerk or the lieutenant governor seeking
84	information to determine the officer's residency.
85	(6) (a) Notwithstanding Subsection (5), if an elected municipal officer obtains the
86	consent of the municipal legislative body in accordance with Subsection (6)(b) before the
87	expiration of the 60-day period described in Subsection (5)(b)(ii) or (iii), the officer may:
88	(i) reside at a secondary residence outside the municipality while still maintaining a
89	principal place of residence within the municipality for a continuous period of up to one year
90	during the officer's term of office; or
91	(ii) be absent from the municipality for a continuous period of up to one year during
92	the officer's term of office.
93	(b) At a public meeting, the municipal legislative body may give the consent described
94	in Subsection (6)(a) by majority vote after taking public comment regarding:
95	(i) whether the legislative body should give the consent; and
96	(ii) the length of time to which the legislative body should consent.
97	[(6)] (7) (a) [A] The mayor of a municipality may not also serve as the municipal
98	recorder or treasurer.
99	(b) The recorder of a municipality may not also serve as the municipal treasurer.